



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date indicated below.

Kimberly A. Lawrence
NAME OF PERSON MAILING PAPER OR FEE
Kimberly A. Lawrence 1-8-01
SIGNATURE DATE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
René Langhans) Examiner: C. Goodman
on ROTARY CUTTING UNIT) Group Art Unit No.: 3724
Serial No.: 08/883,685)
Filed On: June 27, 1997) (Our Docket No. 2821-193)

Hartford, Connecticut, January 8, 2001

Box AF
Hon. Assistant Secretary and Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below. Certain claims under rejection are canceled and amendments to the drawings, approved by the Examiner in the Final Office Action and/or in the in-person interview of April 20, 2000, are made to obviate certain objections to the drawings.

Entry of the following amendments is in order as the amendments narrow the issues for consideration on appeal, comply with requirements of form expressly set forth in the Final Office Action, and place the remaining rejected claims in better form for consideration upon appeal.